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TO AMEMBASSY VIENTIANE

AMEMBASSY BANGKOK

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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: REOPENING OF TRAFFIC ON MEKONG AND ROUTE 13

REF : VIENTIANE 1620

1. DEPT. CONCURS IN EMBASSY'S VIEWS (REFTEL PARA 4) THAT
(A) AGREEMENTS BETWEEN VIENTIANE SIDE AND LPF TO OPEN
MEKONG FOR TRAFFIC BETWEEN BAN HOUET SAI AND LUANG PRABANG
AND (B) PROSPECT OF SIMILAR AGREEMENT ON PAKADING-THAKHEK
SECTION OF ROUTE 13, REPRESENT CONCRETE STEPS TOWARD
IMPLEMENTATION OF PROVISIONS OF VIENTIANE AGREEMENT AND
PROTOCOL.

2. DEPT. IS CONCERNED, HOWEVER, THAT AMERICAN OR OTHER
FOREIGN TRAVELLERS IN THE REGION, ESPECIALLY YOUNG PEOPLE,
MAY GRADUALLY GET THE WORD THAT THE MEKONG, NOW OFFICIALLY
PASSABLE (BHS-LP), IS "A PLACE TO GO." ASIDE FROM THE
NATURAL HAZARDS, THE POLITICAL SITUATION, IN OUR VIEW, IS
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STILL SUFFICIENTLY UNSETTLED TO ARGUE AGAINST MEKONG

JOURNEYS.

3. IN VIEW OF DEAN/SHARMAN CASE, ADDRESSEE POSTS SHOULD,
AS FAR AS POSSIBLE, BRING TO THE ATTENTION OF POTENTIAL
TRAVELLERS TO/IN LAOS, OUR CONCERNS FOR THEIR SAFETY
DESCRIBED ABOVE. ROBINSON

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